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(2-08)UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD  
CHARGE AGAINST EMPLOYER

FORM EXEMPT UNDER 44 U.S.C. 3612

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Case

Date Filed

19-CA-227800

9-21-2018

## INSTRUCTIONS:

File an original with NLRB Regional Director for the region in which the alleged unfair labor practice occurred or is occurring.

## 1. EMPLOYER AGAINST WHOM CHARGE IS BROUGHT

a. Name of Employer

Apple Bus Company

b. Tel. No.

(816) 618-3310

c. Cell No.

(268) 830-6176

f. Fax No.

(816) 618-3303

g. e-Mail

Stephanie.teters@

applebuscompany

h. Number of workers employed

approximately 120

d. Address (Street, city, state, and ZIP code)

230 E. Main Street

Cleveland, MO 64734

(work location: 34234 Industrial Street, Soldotna,  
AK 99669)

e. Employer Representative

Stephanie Teters

i. Type of Establishment (factory, mine, wholesaler, etc.)

Public school bus contractor

j. Identify principal product or service

Pupil Transportation

k. The above-named employer has engaged in and is engaging in unfair labor practices within the meaning of section 8(a), subsections (1) and (list subsections) (3) and (5)

of the National Labor Relations Act, and these unfair labor

practices are practices affecting commerce within the meaning of the Act, or these unfair labor practices are unfair practices affecting commerce within the meaning of the Act and the Postal Reorganization Act.

2. Basis of the Charge (set forth a clear and concise statement of the facts constituting the alleged unfair labor practices)

Within the last six (6) months, the Company has failed to bargain in good faith with the Union by its action(s) by unilaterally changing terms and working conditions for employees in the bargaining unit represented by the Union during the course of current cba negotiations. More specifically, the Company advised employees that they would be paid for the Labor Day holiday even though the Company was aware that it had erroneously paid for the Labor Day holiday in 2017. Subsequently, after the 2018 Labor Day holiday, the Company then advised employees that it wouldn't be paying for the Labor Day holiday because of the Union. The Company's conduct in this matter is an effort to discourage support for the Union within the bargaining unit.

3. Full name of party filing charge (if labor organization, give full name, including local name and number)

International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 959

4a. Address (Street and number, city, state, and ZIP code)

520 E. 34th Ave. Suite 102

Anchorage, Alaska 99503

4b. Tel. No.

907-751-8557

4c. Cell No.

4d. Fax No.

907-751-8595

4e. e-Mail

jmarton@akteamsters.com

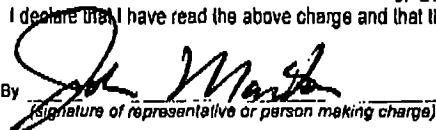
5. Full name of national or international labor organization of which it is an affiliate or constituent unit (to be filled in when charge is filed by a labor organization)

International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 959

## 6. DECLARATION

I declare that I have read the above charge and that the statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

By



(Signature of representative or person making charge)

John Marton

(Print/Type name and title or office, if any)

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(date)

WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS CHARGE CAN BE PUNISHED BY FINE AND IMPRISONMENT (U.S. CODE, TITLE 18, SECTION 1001)

## PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Solicitation of the information on this form is authorized by the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), 29 U.S.C. § 151 et seq. The principal use of the information is to assist the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in processing unfair labor practice and related proceedings or litigation. The routine uses for the information are fully set forth in the Federal Register, 71 Fed. Reg. 74942-43 (Dec. 13, 2006). The NLRB will further explain these uses upon request. Disclosure of this information to the NLRB is voluntary; however, failure to supply the information will cause the NLRB to decline to invoke its processes.



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September 21, 2018

John Marton, Business Representative  
International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 959  
520 E 34TH AVE, STE 102  
Anchorage, AK 99503-4164

Re: Apple Bus Company  
Case 19-CA-227800

Dear Mr. Marton:

The charge that you filed in this case on September 21, 2018 has been docketed as case number 19-CA-227800. This letter tells you how to contact the Board agent who will be investigating the charge, explains your right to be represented, discusses presenting your evidence, and provides a brief explanation of our procedures, including how to submit documents to the NLRB.

**Investigator:** This charge is being investigated by Field Attorney DAVID SCHAFF whose telephone number is (907) 205-3266. If this Board agent is not available, you may contact Deputy Regional Attorney MARTIN ESKENAZI whose telephone number is (206) 220-6289.

**Right to Representation:** You have the right to be represented by an attorney or other representative in any proceeding before us. If you choose to be represented, your representative must notify us in writing of this fact as soon as possible by completing *Form NLRB-4701, Notice of Appearance*. This form is available on our website, [www.nlr.gov](http://www.nlr.gov), or from an NLRB office upon your request.

If you are contacted by someone about representing you in this case, please be assured that no organization or person seeking your business has any "inside knowledge" or favored relationship with the National Labor Relations Board. Their knowledge regarding this proceeding was only obtained through access to information that must be made available to any member of the public under the Freedom of Information Act.

**Presentation of Your Evidence:** As the party who filed the charge in this case, it is your responsibility to meet with the Board agent to provide a sworn affidavit, or provide other witnesses to provide sworn affidavits, and to provide relevant documents within your possession. Because we seek to resolve labor disputes promptly, you should be ready to promptly present your affidavit(s) and other evidence. If you have not yet scheduled a date and time for the Board agent to take your affidavit, please contact the Board agent to schedule the affidavit(s). If you fail to cooperate in promptly presenting your evidence, your charge may be dismissed without investigation.

**Preservation of all Potential Evidence:** Please be mindful of your obligation to preserve all relevant documents and electronically stored information (ESI) in this case, and to take all steps necessary to avoid the inadvertent loss of information in your possession, custody or control. Relevant information includes, but is not limited to, paper documents and all ESI (e.g. SMS text messages, electronic documents, emails, and any data created by proprietary software tools) related to the above-captioned case.

**Prohibition on Recording Affidavit Interviews:** It is the policy of the General Counsel to prohibit affiants from recording the interview conducted by Board agents when subscribing Agency affidavits. Such recordings may impede the Agency's ability to safeguard the confidentiality of the affidavit itself, protect the privacy of the affiant and potentially compromise the integrity of the Region's investigation.

**Procedures:** We strongly urge everyone to submit all documents and other materials by E-Filing (not e-mailing) through our website, [www.nlr.gov](http://www.nlr.gov). However, the Agency will continue to accept timely filed paper documents. Please include the case name and number indicated above on all your correspondence regarding the charge. The Agency requests all evidence submitted electronically to be in the form it is normally used and maintained in the course of business (i.e., native format). Where evidence submitted electronically is not in native format, it should be submitted in a manner that retains the essential functionality of the native format (i.e., in a machine-readable and searchable electronic format). If you have questions about the submission of evidence or expect to deliver a large quantity of electronic records, please promptly contact the Board agent investigating the charge.

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We can provide assistance for persons with limited English proficiency or disability. Please let us know if you or any of your witnesses would like such assistance.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald K. Hooks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

RONALD K. HOOKS  
Regional Director

cc: John Eberhart, General Counsel  
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September 21, 2018

Stephanie Shaw, Regional Director of Operations  
Apple Bus Company  
230 E Main St  
PO Box 155  
Cleveland, MO 64734-9029

Re: Apple Bus Company  
Case 19-CA-227800

Dear Ms. Shaw:

Enclosed is a copy of a charge that has been filed in this case. This letter tells you how to contact the Board agent who will be investigating the charge, explains your right to be represented, discusses presenting your evidence, and provides a brief explanation of our procedures, including how to submit documents to the NLRB.

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**Presentation of Your Evidence:** We seek prompt resolutions of labor disputes. Therefore, I urge you or your representative to submit a complete written account of the facts and a statement of your position with respect to the allegations set forth in the charge as soon as possible. If the Board agent later asks for more evidence, I strongly urge you or your representative to cooperate fully by promptly presenting all evidence relevant to the investigation. In this way, the case can be fully investigated more quickly.

Full and complete cooperation includes providing witnesses to give sworn affidavits to a Board agent, and providing all relevant documentary evidence requested by the Board agent. Sending us your written account of the facts and a statement of your position is not enough to be considered full and complete cooperation. A refusal to fully cooperate during the investigation might cause a case to be litigated unnecessarily.

In addition, either you or your representative must complete the enclosed Commerce Questionnaire to enable us to determine whether the NLRB has jurisdiction over this dispute. If you recently submitted this information in another case, or if you need assistance completing the form, please contact the Board agent.

We will not honor any request to place limitations on our use of position statements or evidence beyond those prescribed by the Freedom of Information Act and the Federal Records Act. Thus, we will not honor any claim of confidentiality except as provided by Exemption 4 of FOIA, 5 U.S.C. Sec. 552(b)(4), and any material you submit may be introduced as evidence at any hearing before an administrative law judge. We are also required by the Federal Records Act to keep copies of documents gathered in our investigation for some years after a case closes. Further, the Freedom of Information Act may require that we disclose such records in closed cases upon request, unless there is an applicable exemption. Examples of those exemptions are those that protect confidential financial information or personal privacy interests.

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RONALD K. HOOKS  
Regional Director

Enclosures:

1. Copy of Charge
2. Commerce Questionnaire

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Dear Ms. Cisco, Mr. Kilroy:

This is to advise you that I have approved the withdrawal of the charge in the above matter.

Very truly yours,

*Ronald K. Hooks*

RONALD K. HOOKS  
Regional Director

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